

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

HILL, Baron (Democrat)  
Representative, 9th District, Indiana  
Elected 1998 to 106th Congress  
Reelected to succeeding Congresses



## BACKGROUND

Born: Seymour, Indiana - 23 June 1953  
Home: Seymour, Indiana  
Marital status: Married (Betty) - 3 children  
Religion: Christian Church  
Education: Furman Univ, BA, 1975  
Profession: Financial adviser; insurance company manager  
Military: None

Political: Indiana House, 1983-91; Democratic nominee for US Senate, 1990. Defeated Jean Leising (R) in 1998 general election with 51% of the vote to succeed Rep Lee H. Hamilton (D), who retired. Reelected in 2000 with 54% of the vote and in 2002 with 51%.

Rep Hill is a moderate. Belongs to both the Blue Dog Coalition, a group favoring fiscal responsibility, and the New Democrat Coalition, a group of moderate Democrats who focus on economic issues like promoting a high-tech economy.

In the 106<sup>th</sup> Congress, supported improved veterans' benefits, voted against the FY99 Kosovo supplemental approps, questioning its "emergency" nature, opposed HASC report language in FY00 which sought to prohibit the use of funds for the purpose of conducting combat or peacekeeping operations in Yugoslavia. Believed it sent the wrong message to Slobodan Milosevic and to US forces engaged in combat operations.

In the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress, identified as priorities smaller schools/stronger communities, and agriculture. While supporting efforts to win the war against terrorism and provide for the security of all Americans, said Congress must continue to keep its eyes on the bottom line. Suggested that recurring budget deficits and a ballooning national debt would make it more difficult to fund important programs like defense and education. Along with CM Taylor sponsored a resolution expressing the sense of the House that any portion of the Federal budget surplus attributable to the DoD Military Retirement Fund should be used exclusively for the financing of the military retirement and survivor benefit programs. Objected to the inclusion of language in the FY03 DoD auth that he said would jeopardize wilderness study areas beneath the air space of the Utah Test & Training Range (UTTR). Opposes the development and deployment of nuclear-tipped ballistic missile interceptors; supports maintaining flexibility to reduce operationally deployed nuclear weapons below 1700; supports stronger notification requirements prior to resumption of underground nuclear testing.

Additional: Prolific scoring as high school basketball player led to college scholarship; some of his scoring achievements still stand.

AF Bases: None

## COMMITTEES

ARMED SERVICES – Subcs on: Terrorism, Unconventional Threats & Capabilities; Readiness

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